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Gary Cookston serves as Assistant Administrator to the Workforce Regulations and Compliance Division. Prior to coming to work in state government he worked for 37 years with Alstom Power, Inc., in Chattanooga, Tennessee. During those years he was heavily involved in the labor movement serving as chief negotiator and President of Boilermakers Union Local 656. He also served on the Tennessee AFL-CIO Council as Vice-President representing statewide Boilermakers for more than eight years.

Gary is a native of Marion County, Tennessee, where he served six years as a County Commissioner. Gary and his wife, Gayle, now reside in Nashville and are the parents of two grown children. Their most favorite way to relax is spending time with grandchildren, Lillie and Luke McArthur.